

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — People in Our Community

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Norma Elwood/Frandsen returned home on Wednesday from Lincoln, Neb., where she underwent surgery for a heart valve replacement and a pacemaker. Mail will reach her at Rt. 3, Box 3, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Guests at the home of Kathy Brainard on Wednesday for supper and a gift exchange were Robert Groneweg, and Peggy and Dean Groneweg. She entertained with a Christmas party at her home on Thursday evening and guests were Robert Groneweg, Trevor, Beth and Chloe Harmon, John T. Spresser and Kathleen Cappel.

—Saturday Morning Store, 1/2 price. 157 S. Penn.

Delmar Anderson suffered a massive heart attack last week. He is a 1948 graduate of Decatur Community High School. Mail will reach him at 4336 East 25th, Street, Topeka, Kan., 66605.

Steve and Kathy Fraker and family of Fallon, Nev., are spending a week visiting their parents, Bob and Marian Fraker of Oberlin, and Lloyd and Catherine Wade of Russell.

Benjamin Smith, son of Pastor Steve and Linda Smith, will leave Sunday for Hurricane, W. Va., where he will enroll at Truth and Liberty Bible College. He plans to major in Bible and minor in music and teaching.

Jason Gallentine graduated on Friday afternoon from Northwest Kansas Technical School at Goodland in the auto technology. Among those attending commencement exercises were his parents, Gene and Kristi Gallentine and Kelsey; Caleb Peters, Don and Lois Fredrickson, and Norman and Julie Gallentine, Oberlin; and Leia Depperschmidt, Colby.

Guests for an early family Christmas get-together on Sunday at the home of Alice Shirley were John and Joan Shirley, Scott City; Sam and Tiffani O'Toole and Payton, McCook; Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Nolan and Gannon, Juanita Eckhart and Bob Beachel, Norcatar; and Herb and Carol Shirley, Oberlin.

Decatur Community High School

## Youthville to host party

United Methodist Youthville will hold a foster care viewing party from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, at the United Methodist Church in Colby.

The event will include refreshments and a special foster care video showing at 7 p.m.

United Methodist Youthville needs foster parents for teen-agers and children with special needs. The video will highlight the problem and how people can help by opening

students Andrea Marshall and Brent Smith have been selected for the Kansas Music Educators state-wide honor choir. The choir meets in February. Anthony Marshall and David Morris are alternates.

Fred and Sandy Counter of Oberlin and Lemilla Counter of Colby attended the graduation of their son and brother, Jonathan Counter, from Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland on Friday. He graduated in the auto technology program.

Weekend guests of Loyd and Mary Waldo for a pre-Christmas celebration were Jana and Byron Oliver, Raleigh, N. C., and Buck and Shannon Vernon, Brady Loyd and Kayley, Fredrick, Colo.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Floyd Edgett, Henry Edgett, Wilma May, Elden Haas, Dale Votapka and Aleen Van Vleet. Lows went to Veanna Orr, Wilma May, Henry Edgett, Aleen Van Vleet, Barb Solko and Kelva Swindler. Pitch highs were won by Wilma May, Aleen Van Vleet and Henry Edgett with lows going to Doris Miller, Dale Votapka, Kenneth Van Vleet and Floyd Edgett. Bridge highs were won by Charlotte Meints and Phyllis Lohoefer.

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Guests for a scrapbooking party at the home of Kathy Brainard on Saturday were Beth and Chloe Harmon, Linda Spresser, Carrie and Tyre Turnbull, and Jennifer Spresser.

Aaron Ploussard has completed work in the auto technology program at Kansas Technical School in Goodland. Among those attending his graduation on Friday were Brenda Ploussard, Kent Ploussard, Jodie Bishop, Lee Ploussard, Joyce Ploussard, Matt and Tiffany Farr, Brittani and Kylie, Timmarie Walters, Sid Steinmetz, Cricket Steinmetz, Adam Steinmetz, and Bob and Betty Salem, Oberlin, and Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley.

Don and Ann Mines, Marian Fraker, and Luetta Pollnow went to Denver last week, where they enjoyed the dinner theater production, "Oklahoma" on Tuesday evening.

their hearts and homes to these children.

The video features stories of youth in the foster care system, foster parents who provide homes for them, and information on how to become a foster parent. Youthville will have staff and a foster parent present to answer questions.

For details about foster parenting or the party, call (800) 560-4226, extension 194.

## Oberlin woman gets award from Smart Start

Alice Stanley of Oberlin has been awarded the 2003 Smart Start Northwest Kansas Award of Excellence for early child professionals. She owns and operates a day care in her home.

This is the third year the award has been given by Smart Start, which works to increase the professional development of early childhood educators and offers programs, training and technical support. The group recognizes early childhood professionals and hopes to draw the public's attention to these often overlooked professionals.

Mrs. Stanley has been an early childhood educator for 26 years. In the past 12 months, she has attended 25 hours of training in the early childhood field.

Maureen Ostmeyer, professional development coordinator for Smart Start Northwest Kansas, said "Those who work in this field are dedicated to their career, and their

contribution to young children and their families is immense. If two-income families cannot find adequate childcare, one parent might be forced to stay at home, which can have a severe economic impact on families as well as the community.

"Single parents might be forced to stay home without any income, which could mean they will require state assistance instead of working and adding to the economy. It is also important for parents to know that their child is well cared for in a secure and happy environment."

The office for Smart Start Northwest Kansas in Colby serves 11 counties.

Others receiving the awards included: Angie Moore, Logan County Head Start, Oakley; Shelly Dinkel, WaKeeney; Renee Jackson, Hill City; and Shannon Koon, Colby. All winners received \$250, a plaque, and a yard sign to display.

## Band student named leader

Loni Marietta was named Assistant Section Leader of the Year by the Kansas State University Marching Band at its annual banquet on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Miss Marietta is completing her fourth season with The Pride and her third season as assistant section leader.

A 2000 graduate of Decatur Community High School, she is a senior at K-State, majoring in marketing and pre-law. She is the daughter of Alan and Judith Marietta of Oberlin.



L. Marietta

## Big Brothers, Sisters help guide siblings

The family of Toni (Tacha) Graham of Salina has been helped immensely by the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. She is the daughter of Bill and Ethlyn (Bainter) Tacha of Salina, but formerly of Jennings.

A story in *The Salina Journal*, written by David Clouston, said that when Ms. Graham became worried about her ability to juggle her five young children after her divorce, she knew she needed help. After her son, Kelly, had begun playing with matches and had temper tantrums, she turned to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Salina in 1992 for the positive male role model her son needed.

His Big Brother, Jeff Chisam, encouraged Kelly to write his feelings and anger issues in his "mad pad," along with giving him a listening ear and interaction with a male friend. Later, Kelly was a junior groomsman in Chisam's wedding to his wife, Nancy, and Kelly nominated him for Big Brother of the Year in 1993, which Chisam won.

Ms. Graham also turned to Big Brothers Big Sisters for a match for her then seven-year-old daughter, Hanna, who needed more individual attention than her mother could provide. Big Sister Jan Wilson of Salina provided her with experiences be-

yond the average match relationship. A professional photographer, she shared her skill with Hanna by recruiting her as an assistant on photo shoots.

Hanna said she feels that Jan molded her into a better kid growing up by giving her attention when she needed it and giving her assistance on life's lessons.

"What it gives those kids is some one-on-one attention in a world where they don't get a whole lot of one-on-one attention," Wilson said. Being the youngest in his family, Ms. Graham's son, Jeff, got the "left-over" time his mom could spare from her studies and working. She finished college at Kansas Wesleyan University, receiving bachelor's degrees in psychological counseling and rehabilitation services and sociology. She works for the Central Kansas Foundation's Regional Prevention Center.

Jeff found a match with a Big Brother, Steve Walter. Since 1997, the pair have been regulars at K-State games and have visited his parents' farm.

"He's not so much like a father figure, but he's a good guy to be around," Jeff Graham said. "He'll listen to me when any problems come up."

## Club programs available

Clubs and organization in northwest Kansas that need a presentation for upcoming meetings may contact Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, which has organized a speakers bureau.

The private, not-for-profit organization has been serving people with disabilities for over 35 years,

helping both children and adults in the 18 northwest Kansas counties.

Contact Steve Keil at (785) 625-5678.

## Club News

### Club hears Christmas music

The sounds of Christmas carols, played on the piano by Kay Moon, greeted members of Monday Evening Club on Dec. 8 as they arrived at the home of Sandy Fair.

Later, the DCHS Singers, under the direction of Susan Nelson, presented a program of various Christmas selections, which included a piano solo, "Let It Snow," by Brent Smith.

Toys and gifts were brought to be distributed by the Blue Angels. A photo of club members by the Fair family Christmas tree was

taken, to be used as a Christmas card for associate members. Members who had decorated a Christmas tree at the museum, using a dried flower theme, were recognized. Christmas caroling was enjoyed as refreshments were being prepared by Carol Morford and Mrs. Fair.

The Jan. 12 meeting will be at the home of Kay Gaskill with Maria Sanden as co-hostess. It will be a roll call program marking the 150th anniversary of the Kansas Territory.

### Neighbors host dinner

Twenty-nine members and guests of the Royal Neighbor Camp of Oberlin gathered at The Gateway on Dec. 18 to celebrate an honorable mention rating the camp received last year.

Tables were decorated with red and green tablecloths and Royal Neighbor napkins and place mats. Favors included an apple

and a small bag of Hershey chocolates.

After the dinner came a short program of jokes and Christmas poems. Floyd Edgett and Gus Wolters won prizes sent by Royal Neighbor headquarters and other prizes were drawn by guests and members.

### Calico Gals enjoy party

Nine members of the Calico Gals Club met at the LandMark Inn on Dec. 17 for a Christmas party.

A Christmas gift exchange was held and a Dutch treat dessert was

enjoyed by all.

The Jan. 21 meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizza Hut with the business meeting to follow at the home of Mary Waldo.

## New Arrivals

### Malia Nellie Bishop

Ryan Bishop has a new sister, Malia Nellie Bishop, born Dec. 2, 2003. She weighed 6 pounds,



M. Bishop

2 ounces, and was 18 inches long. Parents are Jerry and Erin Bishop, Oberlin. Grandparents are Gary and Tracy Orr, Oberlin; and Steve and Carol Lucas, Lamar, Mo.

### Emalee Alison Glendy

Lane and Lynette (Morford) Glendy and Kalie, Callaway, Neb., have a daughter and sister, Emalee Alison Glendy, born Dec. 11, 2003, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Grandparents are Gene and Marsha Morford, Oberlin, and Gary and Donna Glendy, Callaway, Neb. Great-grandparents are Melvin Klima, Oberlin, and the late Della Klima, and Geneva Morford, Oberlin, and the late Lynn Morford; Elsie Glendy, Oconto, Neb., and the late Billy Glendy; and Alice Van Cleave, Callaway, Neb., and the late Harlan Van Cleave.

*New Year's Eve* *All you can Eat*

*Dance* *Sirloin Steak*

*Dinner*

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. 5 to 9 p.m.

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## University awards scholarships

The University of Kansas has awarded more than 5,200 scholarships totaling more than \$10.2 million

The average amount of scholarship support received per recipient was nearly \$1,400, with the largest award to any one student being \$9,800.

Among recipients from Oberlin are: Christopher Brown, son of Kevin and Jackie Brown, Love Scholarship; Tarah Cook, daughter of Gale and Kendra Cook, Anschutz, Sam R. Willcox; Krista Gutchewsky, daughter of Brian and Pam Simonsson, Maude Landis-School of Nursing, Love, Pusitz Nursing, Sam R. Willcox; Adam Lohoefer, son of Gregory and Mary Lohoefer, University of Kansas; Brianna May, daughter of Richard and Delayne May, Love, Sam R. Willcox; Jake Robinson, son of Merlou Robinson and Mike Robinson, Dane G. Hansen, University of Kansas, Sam R. Willcox.



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**29th!!**

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The family of **Karl Wendelin** is requesting a card shower for Karl's **90th Birthday** December 30, 2003.

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647 Palermo  
Herndon, Kansas 67739

Happy Birthday, Grandpa!



January 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 <small>Dr. Rubinowitz Hematology/ Oncology Clinic</small>	6	7	8 <small>Dr. Reeves Podiatry Clinic</small>	9 <small>Dr. Reeves Podiatry Clinic</small>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <small>Dr. Curtis Cardiology Clinic</small>	22 <small>Dr. Curry Urology Clinic</small>	23	24
25	26	27 <small>Dr. Miller Cardiology Clinic</small>	28 <small>Dr. Albers Cardiology Clinic</small>	29	30	31

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